

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today voted for H.R. 2847, the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act, which will create new tax cuts and credits to encourage Orange County businesses to start hiring again. As a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition, Rep. Sanchez is particularly pleased that the HIRE Act is fully paid for and in compliance with pay-as-you-go, or PAYGO, principles.

“With a 12.3% unemployment rate, California cannot passively wait for jobs to come back to the state,” said Rep. Sanchez. “This bill would help create new jobs and new opportunities in our community by giving local businesses concrete incentives to start hiring again. These are the kinds of smart investments that will get our economy back on track. My colleagues and I on the fiscally-conservative Blue Dog Coalition fought hard to include a provision in this bill that ensures it is fully paid for and does not add to our federal deficit, and I am thrilled that our efforts were successful.”

Specifically, the HIRE Act will provide a payroll tax exemption to businesses that hire workers who have been unemployed for at least sixty days. The longer a business has a new qualified worker on its payroll, the greater the tax benefit. The bill will also provide businesses with an additional \$1,000 income tax credit for every new employee retained for fifty-two weeks.

The HIRE Act will also extend the Highway Trust Fund to allow for billions of dollars of investment in infrastructure projects across the country. It also includes provisions to make it easier for states borrow for infrastructure projects, such as school construction and energy projects.

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